

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

I am pleased to forward with this letter the final annual report on the multi-agency Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program, superseding the interim report that was provided to you in February of this year. This Supplement to the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 describes research and development activities in advanced networking, computational science, and other information technologies that are funded by the Federal NITRD agencies. These Federal investments are an essential underpinning of the Nation's innovation ecosystem, contributing to both national security and economic competitiveness.

As information technology is a key enabler of virtually all science and technology R&D, the impact of the NITRD Program extends far beyond the research community directly supported by NITRD funding. The impact of an interagency program such as NITRD is maximized by coordinating agency investments as envisioned by the Congress in creating the original High Performance Computing program in 1991. This report of the NITRD program, now in its 16th year, provides a clear illustration of the value of interagency planning and coordination.

Investments made by the NITRD agencies help maintain the position of the United States as the world's leader in science and technology, as called for the President's American Competitiveness Initiative. These Federal investments in basic and applied research, advanced development, and education in advanced networking and other information technologies continue to enhance our economic prosperity. I am pleased to provide you with this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Marburger", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John H. Marburger, III
Director